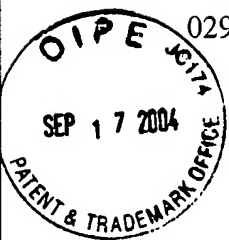


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Unassigned
TAKUYA TERAEE, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/673,584)	
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Filed: September 30, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND)	September 17, 2004
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS	:	
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The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

STATUS INQUIRY

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a status report on the above-identified application.

The above-identified application was filed on September 30, 2003. A Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application -- Filing Date Granted was mailed on December 22, 2003 and Applicants responded to the Notice on February 2, 2004. However, since the filing of Applicants' Response, no further correspondence has been received in connection with the above-identified application. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that a prosecution status of the above-identified application be provided to Applicants' undersigned attorney at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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